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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A cosmetic ~~or pharmaceutical~~ or dermatological composition containing an effective amount of decorin dissolved ~~or dispersed~~ for topical administration in a cosmetically or dermatologically ~~or pharmaceutically~~ acceptable vehicle.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The composition of claim 1, wherein said decorin is ~~naturally derived~~ obtained from nature without modification or produced by recombinant means.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The composition of claim 2, wherein said decorin comprises ~~the human mature core protein~~ a human protein which is highly homologous to decorin polypeptide set forth as amino acids 1-329 of SEQ ID NO:6.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The composition of claim 3, wherein said ~~human~~ decorin ~~core protein~~ is present in an amount between ~~[[about]] 0.5 [[.mu.g]]microgram/ml~~ and ~~[[about]]5,000 [[.mu.g]]microgram/ml~~.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The composition of claim 4, wherein said decorin is present in an amount between ~~[[about]] 5 [[.mu.g]]microgram/ml to about and 500 [[.mu.g]]microgram/ml~~.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A method of treating the skin of a human to ~~combat aging, reduce signs of skin aging (e.g. lines, wrinkles, loss of elasticity, sagging, skin dryness and unevenness, blotches, age spots, pigmented spots)~~, comprising applying to the skin a cosmetic or dermatological ~~or pharmaceutical~~ composition containing an effective amount of decorin dissolved ~~or dispersed~~ in a cosmetically or ~~pharmaceutically~~ dermatologically acceptable vehicle.

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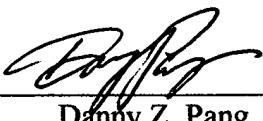
Claim 7 (currently amended): The method of claim 6 wherein the composition comprise decorin ~~naturally derived~~ obtained from nature without modification or produced by recombinant means.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The method of claim 7 wherein the composition comprises ~~the human mature core protein~~ a human protein which is highly homologous to decorin polypeptide set forth as amino acids 1-329 of SEQ ID NO:6.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The method of claim 8 wherein the composition comprises decorin in an amount ~~from about~~ between 0.5 $[[.mu.g]]microgram/ml$ ~~to about~~ and 5,000 $[[.mu.g]]microgram/ml$.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The method of claim 9 wherein the composition comprises decorin in an amount ~~from about~~ between 5 $[[.mu.g]]microgram/ml$ ~~to about~~ and 500 $[[.mu.g]]microgram/ml$.

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